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BLUE MOUNTAINS NATURAL RESOURCES INSTITUTE RECOGNITION CEREMONY PLANNED

PORTLAND, May 3--A recognition ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 11, in LaGrande, Oregon, to honor the many agencies and organizations who have joined together to create the Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute. The ceremony will be held at Hoke Hall, Eastern Oregon State College, 1410 L Avenue, in LaGrande.

The day's activities will begin with an 8 a.m. breakfast at Hoke Hall. Oregon Governor Barbara Roberts will attend the breakfast, where she will be honored by local school children for her commitment to sound management of resources in the Blue Mountains area.

The recognition ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. Congressman Bob Smith will be the keynote speaker. The ceremony will also honor those groups that have joined together to make the institute a success, emphasizing the importance of partnerships. **Members of the media are invited to attend both events.**

The Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute is a cooperative venture among federal, state, and local agencies, private companies, universities, and other interested groups. Its purpose is to conduct research, develop technologies, and demonstrate those applications to public land managers, private landowners, and the general public.

"The goal of the institute is to enhance the long-term economic and social benefits derived from the natural resources of the area in a way that is ecologically sound," said Institute Manager Tom Quigley.

Current members include the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station and Pacific Northwest Region, Oregon State University, Eastern Oregon State College, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington State University, Bureau of Land Management, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Boise Cascade, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla, several county governments, and others. A board of directors will be responsible for major policy direction and program support, and a director will manage program activities.

The institute encompasses more than 16 million acres; over half of the acreage is publicly owned and about 1 million acres is wilderness. The geographic area includes Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, and Walla Walla Counties in southeastern Washington; and Wallowa, Union, Umatilla, Grant, Baker, Morrow, and portions of Malheur and Harney Counties in Oregon.

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O.C. "TINY" MALONE RECEIVES AWARD

PORTLAND, May 31--How do you prevent an abandoned mine site from becoming an environmental eyesore and an attractive nuisance that could lead to serious injury to forest visitors? It isn't easy and it is time consuming. The reclaimer must retrieve, then sort through stockpiles pushed up against green trees, then replace tailings with topsoil and restore the contour. Then comes removing abandoned mining equipment and, finally, revegetation with appropriate seed.

O.C. "Tiny" Malone of Baker City agreed to do all this, without compensation, working with the Baker and North Fork John Day Ranger Districts on the Wallowa-Whitman and Umatilla National Forests. Malone, himself a miner, has a long record of concern for the land, for fisheries and for wildlife. Forest Service rangers say the sites Malone tackled now look better than before they were mined.

In recognition of Malone's efforts, he was presented with a citation naming him "Mineral Operator of the Year" at the annual Bureau of Land Management/Forest Service Minerals Industry meeting held in Portland this month.

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COUNTIES TO SHARE IN NATIONAL FOREST RECEIPTS

PORTLAND, June 10--An estimated \$177 million will be shared by 31 counties in Oregon and 27 counties in Washington state as their share of fiscal year 1991 National Forest System receipts.

The Oregon amount totals \$137,254,047 and the Washington amount totals \$40,026,456 according to Pacific Northwest Regional Forester John Butruille. Revenues are collected for the uses of land and sale of resources from 24.5 million acres of national forests and grasslands, such as timber, grazing, recreation, and minerals. States are required by law to use their share of receipts for public schools and roads.

In order to mitigate the effect of the Northern spotted owl's "threatened" listing, special provision Section 316 was added to the Interior & Related Agencies 1991 Appropriations Act.

This provision allows the Forest Service to pay the counties affected by the listing at least 90% of the 3-year average payments of fiscal years 1988-90.

"By paying revenues based on a 3-year average, counties will not experience a drastic reduction in revenues immediately," said Regional Forester John Butruille. "This gives communities more time to adjust."

STATE OF OREGON

| COUNTY | 91EST@3-31-91 | ACTUAL FY90 |
|------------|----------------|----------------|
| BAKER | 1,013,621.35 | 1,566,686.75 |
| BENTON | 405,913.31 | 339,359.55 |
| CLACKAMAS | 6,157,385.83 | 6,121,434.53 |
| COOS | 672,506.92 | 618,194.92 |
| CROOK | 4,046,727.91 | 3,640,526.91 |
| CURRY | 4,787,838.15 | 4,667,604.77 |
| DESCHUTES | 3,277,639.51 | 4,175,755.99 |
| DOUGLAS | 18,899,325.19 | 24,278,440.18 |
| GRANT | 8,709,669.94 | 10,810,104.00 |
| HARNEY | 4,022,096.41 | 4,318,696.55 |
| HOOD RIVER | 2,557,972.65 | 2,542,447.47 |
| JACKSON | 4,968,293.81 | 4,457,642.34 |
| JEFFERSON | 601,733.74 | 748,815.04 |
| JOSEPHINE | 2,599,172.21 | 2,518,474.29 |
| KLAMATH | 13,404,828.65 | 13,375,181.30 |
| LAKE | 4,508,652.23 | 6,191,278.80 |
| LANE | 28,166,578.76 | 29,502,433.18 |
| LINCOLN | 4,270,377.23 | 3,570,203.90 |
| LINN | 9,409,125.10 | 10,125,217.34 |
| MALHEUR | 7,666.81 | 11,199.04 |
| MARION | 3,561,535.93 | 3,764,604.04 |
| MORROW | 357,449.41 | 432,619.40 |
| MULTNOMAH | 893,192.66 | 887,771.58 |
| POLK | 7,914.19 | 6,616.58 |
| TILLAMOOK | 2,293,049.32 | 1,917,079.73 |
| UMATILLA | 964,713.36 | 1,181,511.67 |
| UNION | 859,275.79 | 1,317,545.67 |
| WALLOWA | 1,345,452.22 | 2,328,158.62 |
| WASCO | 2,538,848.46 | 2,523,439.34 |
| WHEELER | 1,301,612.25 | 1,202,226.74 |
| YAMHILL | 634,628.41 | 530,574.40 |
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| TOTAL | 137,244,797.71 | 149,671,844.62 |

STATE OF WASHINGTON

| COUNTY | 91EST@3-31-91 | ACTUAL FY90 |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| ASOTIN | 134,187.26 | 162,406.23 |
| CHELAN | 2,155,672.02 | 2,276,704.87 |
| CLALLAM | 2,031,423.18 | 1,839,201.12 |
| CLARK | 13,533.88 | 12,079.38 |
| COLUMBIA | 397,845.02 | 481,510.02 |
| COWLITZ | 374,016.81 | 333,820.55 |
| DOUGLAS | 3.00 | 3.16 |
| FERRY | 889,357.72 | 811,832.39 |
| GARFIELD | 238,125.84 | 288,202.62 |
| GRAYS HARBOR | 584,668.14 | 529,344.32 |
| JEFFERSON | 2,737,841.16 | 2,478,774.77 |
| KING | 1,852,696.10 | 2,000,547.84 |
| KITTITAS | 833,776.69 | 887,692.76 |
| KLICKITAT | 156,981.54 | 140,110.45 |
| LEWIS | 4,667,977.12 | 4,239,073.97 |
| MASON | 644,399.79 | 583,423.91 |
| OKANOGAN | 1,954,045.67 | 1,335,747.80 |
| PEND OREILLE | 900,884.40 | 977,372.19 |
| PIERCE | 662,534.37 | 715,406.97 |
| SKAGIT | 1,396,194.44 | 1,054,026.12 |
| SKAMANIA | 9,650,379.22 | 8,613,235.51 |
| SNOHOMISH | 2,165,567.05 | 1,933,138.71 |
| STEVENS | 409,192.95 | 380,642.04 |
| THURSTON | 3,294.61 | 3,550.68 |
| WALLA WALLA | 6,068.70 | 7,344.92 |
| WHATCOM | 2,253,160.55 | 1,700,973.73 |
| YAKIMA | 2,912,629.14 | 3,064,408.08 |
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| | 40,026,456.37 | 36,850,575.11 |

